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1. SUMMARY: ON A QUICK TRIP TO BRUSSELS, BELGIAN AMBASSADOR FOUND GOB WILLING CONTINUE ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS TO RWANDA AND FOREIGN MINISTRY GENERALLY OPTIMISTIC ABOUT FUTURE BELGO/RWANDAN RELATIONS. RWANDAN AMBASSADOR TO BELGIUM, WHO BELIEVED GUILTY PASSING BAD CHECKS AND EMBEZZLING OFFICIAL FUNDS, HAS BEEN SUMMARILY REMOVED AS AMBASSADOR AND WILL BE REPLACED BY PRESENT AMBASSADOR TO BURUNDI. END SUMMARY.

2. BELGIAN AMBASSADOR BAEKELANDT RETURNED JULY 18 FROM ONE-WEEK TRIP TO BRUSSELS WITH FOLLOWING INFORMATION. BRUSSELS WILL CONTINUE MILITARY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM NOW THAT GOR HAS AGREED TO BELGIAN TERMS. COOPERATION IN EDUCATION WILL ALSO CONTINUE WITH SOME CHANGES DESIRED BY BELGIUM.

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PROJECTED TOURISM COOPERATION WILL PROBABLY BE

IMPLEMENTED TOO NOTWITHSTANDING SOME OPPOSITION  
OF "DOCTRINAIRE SOCIALIST" MADAME PETRY, BELGIAN  
AID CHIEF. SHE TOLD BAEKELANDT SHE OBJECTED  
ASSISTANCE IN SUCH "CAPITALIST" ACTIVITY. BUT BAEKELANDT  
ARGUED GOB ALREASJUWMAVOTTIIR  
G JGLHE  
THINKS FOREIGN MINISTER'S SUPPORT WILL NEUTRALIZE  
PETRY'S OBJECTIONS.

3. BAEKELANDT FOUND FOREIGN MINISTER AND LE BRUN  
GENERALLY OPTIMISTIC BUT CAUTIOUS ON FUTURE RELATIONS  
WITH RWANDA. WORDS WERE FINE BUT NEW GOVERNMENT'S  
PERFORMANCE WOULD TELL THE TALE. FOREIGN MINISTER  
EXPECTS MAKE FIRST VISIT TO RWANDA IN OCTOBER.

4. BAEKELANDT FOUND VERY AWKWARD SITUATION CONCERNING  
RWANDAN AMBASSADOR MUNYANSHONGORE WHO MET HIM AT  
AIRPORT AND WANTED TO KNOW OF KILLINGS (SIC) OF  
KAYIBANDA, ELIE NTALIKURE AND OTHERS CLOSE TO  
EX-PRESIDENT. BAEKELANDT TOLD HIM THIS WAS ALL  
NEWS TO HIM. DEVELOPED THAT AMBASSADOR HAD ASKED  
FOR ASYLUM IN BELGIUM. ALSO DEVELOPED THAT  
MUNYANSHONGORE HAD PASSED BAD CHECKS FOR SOME  
\$20,000 EQUIVALENT AND WAS BELIEVED TO HAVE  
EMBEZZLED THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS WORTH OFFICIAL  
FUNDS. GOR HAS NOW TOLD BAEKELANDT MUNYANSHONGORE  
NO LONGER AMBASSADOR AND ALL IMMUNITIES WAIVED.  
GOR HAS ASKED FOR AGREEMENT FOR KARUHIJE, NOW  
AMBASSADOR TO BURUNDI, TO REPLACE MUNYANSHONGORE  
IN BRUSSELS.  
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